IN THE CLAIMS:

1-2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently amended) A method of providing content to a client, comprising:

retrieving the content, wherein retrieving the content includes performing a search of content providers;

performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user, wherein performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria that is determined by analyzing how the content will be presented by the client; ~~and~~

determining whether the determined accessibility level of the content meets an accessibility requirement for the user;

providing the content to the client if ~~a result of the evaluation~~ the determined accessibility level of the content meets ~~an~~ the accessibility requirement for the user~~,~~ ~~wherein the search of content providers is performed using a Web search engine;~~ and

providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if the determined accessibility level of the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.

4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim [[4]] 3, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized handicap accessibility guidelines.

6.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.

7-8.   (Cancelled)

9.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.

10.   (Currently amended) A method of providing content to a client, comprising:
        retrieving the content;
        performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user by determining how the content will be presented to the user; and
        providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the method is implemented on a proxy server and wherein the proxy server provides the content to the client in its original form as retrieved without subsequent modification and the content is presented to the user in its original form as specified by the content as retrieved.

11.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the method is implemented on the client.

12.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the content is at least one Web page.

13.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

14.   (Currently amended) A method of providing content to a user, comprising:
        retrieving the content;
        performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user by determining how the content will be presented to the user;
        providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and
        if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user, modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein modifying the content includes changing values for presentation tags in

the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content, when presented to the user, meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular content is to be presented.

15.   (Currently amended) A method of providing content to a user, comprising:
        retrieving the content;
        performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user by determining how the content will be presented to the user;
        providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and
        if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user, modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein performing the evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user includes logging elements of the content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein modifying the content includes modifying logged elements and then re-evaluating the content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such content modification.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18.   (Currently amended) An apparatus of providing content to a client, comprising:
        means for retrieving the content, wherein the means for retrieving the content includes means for performing a search of content providers, wherein the means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes means for determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria that is determined by analyzing how the content will be presented by the client;
        means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user; and
        means for determining whether the determined accessibility level of the content meets an accessibility requirement for the user;
        means for providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation the determined accessibility level of the content meets an the accessibility requirement for

the user, ~~wherein the means for performing a search of content providers includes means for using a Web search engine~~; and

      <u>means for providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if the result of the evaluation is that the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.</u>

19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~19~~ <u>18</u>, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized <u>handicap</u> accessibility guidelines.

21.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes means for using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.

22-23. (Cancelled)

24.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.

25.   (Currently amended) An apparatus of providing content to a client, comprising:

      means for retrieving the content, wherein the means for retrieving the content includes means for performing a search of content providers;

      means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user <u>by determining how the content will be presented to the user</u>; and

      means for providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the apparatus is associated with a proxy server <u>and wherein the apparatus provides the content to the client in its original form as retrieved without subsequent modification and the content is presented to the user in its original form as specified by the content as retrieved.</u>

26.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the apparatus is associated with the client.

27.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the content is at least one Web page.

28.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim18, further comprising means for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

29.   (Currently amended) An apparatus of providing content to a user, comprising:

       means for retrieving the content;

       means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user <u>by determining how the content will be presented to the user</u>;

       means for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

       means for modifying the content <u>if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user</u> such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the means for modifying the content includes means for changing values for <u>presentation</u> tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content<u>, when presented to the user,</u> meets the accessibility requirement for the user<u>, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular content is to be presented</u>.

30.   (Currently amended) An apparatus of providing content to a user, comprising:

       means for retrieving the content;

       means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user <u>by determining how the content will be presented to the user</u>;

       means for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

means for modifying the content <u>if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user</u> such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the means for performing the evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user includes means for logging elements of the content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein the means for modifying the content includes means for modifying logged elements and then re-evaluating the content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such content modification.

31-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a client, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content, wherein the first instructions include instructions for performing a search of content providers;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user<u>, wherein the second instructions include instructions for determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria that is determined by analyzing how the content will be presented by the client</u>; ~~and~~

<u>third instructions for determining whether the determined accessibility level of the content meets an accessibility requirement for the user;</u>

~~third~~ <u>fourth</u> instructions for providing the content to the client if ~~a result of the evaluation~~ <u>the determined accessibility level of the content</u> meets ~~an~~ <u>the</u> accessibility requirement for the user~~, wherein the instructions for performing the search of content providers include instructions for using a Web search engine~~<u>; and</u>

<u>fifth instructions for providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if a result of the second instructions is that the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user</u>.

34. (Cancelled)

35.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~34~~ 33, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized <u>handicap</u> accessibility guidelines.

36.   (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the second instructions include instructions for using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.

37-38. (Cancelled)

39.   (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.

40.   (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a client, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user <u>by determining how the content will be presented to the user</u>; and

third instructions for providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the computer program product is executed on a proxy server <u>and wherein the computer program product provides the content to the client in its original form as retrieved without subsequent modification and the content is presented to the user in its original form as specified by the content as retrieved</u>.

41.   (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the computer program product is executed on the client.

42.   (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the content is at least one Web page.

43.   (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising fourth instructions for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

44.   (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a user, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user by determining how the content will be presented to the user;

third instructions for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

fourth instructions for modifying the content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the fourth instructions include instructions for changing values for presentation tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content, when presented to the user, meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular content is to be presented.

45.   (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a user, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user by determining how the content will be presented to the user;

third instructions for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

fourth instructions for modifying the content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the second instructions include instructions for logging elements of the content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein the fourth instructions include instructions for modifying logged elements and

then re-evaluating the content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such content modification.

46.   (Currently amended) A proxy server on a network that facilitates communication between a search engine and a user, comprising:

means for receiving a search request from a the user;

means for forwarding the search request to a the search engine;

means for receiving search results of the search request from the search engine;

means for performing an evaluation of content pertaining to the search results for accessibility by the user by analyzing how the content is specified to be presented to the user;

means for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

means for modifying the content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

47.   (Currently amended) The proxy server of Claim 46, wherein the means for modifying the content comprises means for changing values for presentation tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content, when presented to the user, meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular portions of the content are to be presented.